

September 2026 Triangle Professional Events

September brings students and faculty back to Triangle campuses and renews the region's professional calendar. This month's selection highlights timely opportunities for students, researchers, entrepreneurs, consultants, and life-sciences professionals to reconnect, exchange ideas, and build relationships across the local innovation ecosystem.

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Startup, Innovation, and Business Mentorship

September 3rd

Mentor Morning - Innovate Carolina (UNC)

Innovate Carolina Junction, Chapel Hill | 9:00-11:30am

(Free; Reservation Required)

Summary: A rotating-table mentorship event connecting entrepreneurs, students, and community members with experienced mentors from business, finance, law, technology, life sciences, venture capital, and related fields.

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September 10th

Innovate Carolina Network Forum - Innovate Carolina (UNC)

Innovate Carolina Junction, Chapel Hill | 9:00-10:30am

(Free; Reservation Required)

Summary: A networking breakfast featuring updates from UNC programs supporting innovation, entrepreneurship, commercialization, translational research, and economic development. The event is primarily oriented toward UNC staff and faculty, although it may still provide useful ecosystem context.

Link: [Open event page](#)

September 25th

Grounds for Connection - Innovate Carolina (UNC)

79 Degrees West, Carrboro | 8:30-10:00am

(Free; Reservation Required)

Summary: A recurring coffee and networking gathering connecting entrepreneurs, local professionals, small businesses, Chamber members, coworking members, and the Chapel Hill-Carrboro business community.

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AI and Automation Focused Meetings

September 9th

AI Unfiltered - Innovate Carolina (UNC)

Innovate Carolina Junction, Chapel Hill | 9:00-10:30am

(Free; Reservation Required)

Summary: A monthly coffee gathering where students, faculty, staff, and community members discuss developments, applications, and concerns surrounding artificial intelligence.

Link: [Open event page](#)

September 23rd

On the Menu: Automate Email Sorting, Lead Routing, Meeting Notes & More with AI

Frontier RTP, Research Triangle Park | 12:00-1:00pm

(Free; RSVP Required; Lunch Provided)

Summary: A practical, hands-on workshop exploring how small businesses and independent professionals can use AI and no-code tools to automate repetitive administrative workflows.

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Life Sciences and Biotechnology Networking

September 8th

Triangle Biotech Networking Night at BioLabs

BioLabs North Carolina, Durham | 5:30-7:30pm

(Ticket or Registration Required; Price Not Confirmed)

Summary: A monthly networking event connecting biotechnology, pharmaceutical, research, and life-sciences professionals from across the Research Triangle.

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September 15th

Chrysalis Raleigh Open House

Chrysalis Raleigh | 4:30-7:00pm

(Free; Reservation Required)

Summary: An open house featuring cleanroom tours and opportunities to meet the Chrysalis team and learn about its facilities and biopharmaceutical manufacturing capabilities.

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September 15th

NC Bio Pharma Networking Group September Event

Tobacco Wood Brewing, Durham Taproom | 6:00-9:30pm

(Free; Registration Required)

Summary: A biotechnology and pharmaceutical networking event sponsored by Collaborative Drug Discovery, with particular relevance to drug discovery, medicinal chemistry, biology, informatics, and AI/ML applications.

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Scientific and Pharmaceutical Conferences

September 9th

Stability Studies Conference USA

North Carolina Biotechnology Center, RTP | 8:30am-3:00pm

(Paid Registration; Approximately \$125-\$298)

Summary: A specialist pharmaceutical conference addressing stability-study design, analytical testing, storage, regulatory compliance, data management, and applications of AI.

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September 21st

2026 Triangle Cytoskeleton Meeting

Friday Center, Chapel Hill | 9:00am-6:30pm

(Paid Registration; \$80)

Summary: A full-day scientific meeting supporting communication and collaboration among cytoskeleton and cell-biology researchers from the Triangle and surrounding region.

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Research Commercialization and Funding

September 10th

OTC Seminar Series: Commercialization Funding with NCInnovation

Rizzo Center, Chapel Hill | 5:30-7:30pm

(Reservation Required)

Summary: An overview of NCInnovation's grant program, funding priorities, eligibility requirements, milestone-based funding structure, and application process for advancing applied academic research toward commercial viability. The program is chiefly directed toward faculty innovators.

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Investing and Entrepreneurial Finance

September 3rd

OOO MeetUp for Ladies Investing / Local Angels

Frontier RTP, Research Triangle Park | 4:30-6:30pm

(Registration Required; Cost Not Stated)

Summary: A networking and educational gathering designed specifically for women interested in angel investing, entrepreneurial finance, and early-stage businesses.

Link: [Open event page](#)

Federal Contracting, Biomedical, and Biodefense

September 23rd-24th

Medical, Biomedical and Biodefense: Support to the Warfighter and Veteran Symposium

Friday Center, Chapel Hill | September 23rd, 4:30pm-September 24th, 4:45pm

(Paid Registration; Ticket Price Varies - Previously Listed at \$215 After August 15th)

Summary: A two-day symposium connecting biomedical and biodefense organizations with the Department of Defense, Department of Veterans Affairs, federal agencies, major prime contractors, and other organizations seeking technologies and services supporting warfighters and veterans.

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